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INCREASED USE OF ENVIRONMENT FRIENDLY BIO- FUELS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government proposes to replace 10% of its transport fuels with environment friendly bio-fuels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of consumption of petrol and diesel during 2006-07;

(d) the details of percentage of environment friendly bio-fuels replaced during 2006-07 in the country; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to increase the use of environment friendly bio-fuels?

Answer

MINISTER of STATE for PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) It is proposed to make 10% blending of ethanol with petrol optional under Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) programme in the country except North Eastern States, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshdweep.

(c) The details of consumption of petrol and diesel during 2006-07 are as under -

(i) Petrol - 9295000 Metric Tonnes (provisional)

(ii) diesel- 42884000 Metric Tonnes (provisional)

(d) 0.64 % of petrol consumption has been replaced by bio-friendly fuel, i.e. ethanol, by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies during 2006-07 in the country.

(e) The Government has taken following steps to increase the use of environment friendly bio-fuels -

(i) Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme- Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas vide its notification dated 20th Sept., 2006 has directed the Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to sell 5% Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) subject to commercial viability as per Bureau of Indian Standards specification in entire country except North-Eastern States, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshdweep with effect from 1st November, 2006.

Further the Government has decided that 5% EBP programme be made mandatory across the country except North Eastern States, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshdweep. It has also been proposed to make 10% ethanol blending optional.